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#### NOW FOR ACTION.

One of the most important measures before this General Assembly, is that known as Senate bill No. 225, introduced in February by Senator McIlwaine, of Petersburg, for the establishment of the Torrens System of Land Registra-Virginia. It is a great public measure, because it affects the material development of the whole Commonwealth and the interests of all its citizens; and most important at this time, because now is the opportunity, while all our statute laws are being revised and a new Code is being made, to amend our antiquated land laws and to incorporate modern methods into the general bouy of our laws. The Torrens System has been thoroughly tested, and has been proven to meet every practical and theoretical requirement of the busy age in which we live. It was first adopted in South Australia in 1858. Queensland took it, up in 1861. Victoria and New South Wales followed the lead in 1862; Tasmania in 1863; New Zealand and British Columbia in 1870; West Australia in 1874; Manitoba and Ontario in

The course pursued by England is most instructive. In 1862, some of the features of the system were introduced by what 1875 many other features were emact. Subsequently the House of Commons appointed a learned committee to make a thorough examination of the sysand after fully investigating the subject, this committee made an able report in 1890 recommending it in all its details. But with that conservatism which has always marked her course, it was not until 1897 that England more completely made the Torrens System her own by a comprehensive act of Parlia And so pleased has she been with it, that in 1900 Parliament appropriated \$1,325,000 for the erection of a Land Registry Office in Lincoln's-Inn-Fields, In 1900, also, registration was made compulsory in the County of London, and it been compulsory in the city of London since May 1, 1901.

the United States the Torrens System has been for some years in operation in Illinois. California, Massachusetts, Oregon and Minnesota. It has been in operation in the Philippines since November 6, 1902, and will soon go into effect in Hawaii, while preparations are also . In Colorado the Legislature has just passed a Torrons act, drawn Hon. Edward T. Taylor, president of the State Senate; and the matter is pending before the present Legislature of Michigan. Some legislative action has also men taken on the subject in lows. Newhile it is under discussion in the Bar wit: Georgia, Kentucky, Maine, Missouri, wania, Tennessce, Texas, Washington and West Virginia. And information has reture of North Carolina.

The Virginia bill has been drawn by the charman of the committee appointed by a joint resolution of the General Assem-bly on February 15, 1991. It has been submitted to some of the leading experts and highest authorities in the United States on this subject and has received their commendation. It ought to be promptly reported and passed by the General Assembly. It can be demonstrated that the bill will not impose any burden on the after paying all costs of administration It has no compulsory requirements for registration but leaves it optional with every landowner, whether or not he will take advantage of its provisions. It offers a cheap and desirable method of clearing titles; it will enable men to deal quickly, cheaply, and certainly with real estate; it will encourage investments in lands, and by creating a greater demand it will add to their market value; it will enable men to use their lands as a basis of cash credit, and will thereby increase the banking capital of the country; and these things will all tend to encourage immigration and to build up the waste State. The bill will come up before the House Committee on Courts of Justice Wednesday evening, and should be favorably reported without delay.

#### THE NEGRO AND EDUCATION.

The Rev. Dr. S. A. Steel, formerly of this city, insists that education has made the negro worse, and there are others ary, and to wish it many happy returns who agree with him. But what proof is there of this? They say that the South has spent a large sum of morey in giv-ing the negro education; that the negro decent and most conservative newspaper race is "increasing in criminality;" therefore, education has made the negro worse,

We cannot accept this conclusion as necessarily logical. Suppose we apply it necessarily logical. Suppose we apply it to the white race also. Suppose we put it this way: Virginia has been spendang large sums of money in educating the whites, there are more white men in the positionitary than there were ten years of Generals Washington and Lee. The

ngo; therefore, education is making the whites worse. Wouldn't that proposition be brushed aside at once as a non-

segultur? Who shall say that the negroes would not have been worse; that there would not have been a greater increase in criminality in that race, had they received no schooling? Does Dr. Steel believe and does any sensible man believe that the negroes of the present generation would have been better in morals and better citizens, if they had been turned adrift in childhood and left to grow up as so many wild brutes, with no training and no instruction? Nonsense. There are bad negroes and some bad negroes have been to school, but that they are worse hecause of drilling and discipline they obtained at school is absurd.

Let Dr. Steel make some inquirles cerning the negroes that have been sent out of the high schools of Richmond and Lynchburg, or the Normal School at Hampton, and we think he will find that the great majority of them at least are not only not criminals, but that they are amongst the best and most useful of

#### MOB SPIRIT IN NEW YORK.

"Every time a small boy gets run over by a trolley car in this city," says the New York Tribune, 'some fool sets up the cry of "Lynch him!" and the police have to be called to protect the motorman from hysterical people wanting to work off their feelings and rowdles ready to take any excuse for making disorder.

That is an interesting state of affairs. There are accidents every now and then on the trolley lines here and hereabouts but we have never seen any demonstration against the motorman; never heard any threats against his life. We do have lynching bees at the South every now and then, but the provocation is more than the accidental killing of somebody by a trolley car The victim of our lynching bees is usually a brute who com mits a nameless assault upon a white woman or a white child. It is strange should raise such a cry against lynching in the South and should have so much to say about the "mob spirit in the South," when a leading Republican journal in New York admits that the mob rises up in that city with lynching in its heart every time there is a trolley can accident.

We must say for the Tribune, however, that it is usually fair and friendly in its dealing with the South.

#### JEFFERSON'S DEMOCRACY.

The celebration throughout the country vesterday of the birth of Thomas Jeffer son brings forcibly to mind the noble heritage of political principles which he handed down to us, and the present straying after strange gods and the consequent demoralization which afflicts the party which he founded, and which successfully controlled the destiny of this country in the great formative period from the time of the Revolution until the Confederate War. The highest-sounding eulogy of his Dallas (Tex.) News: Another month has memory cannot take the place of our departed leader's simple and massive summary of the tenets of the Democratic party and the fundamental principles of this republican government, as containe in his inaugural address. In this time of heresy and schism, of defeat and confu sion, it is wise and well for Democrats to consider the advisability of rallying to the faith of the original standard bearer, and thus coming back to first principles and getting together on the good old common ground of the primitive

falth. Every blography of Jefferson contains the text of his inaugural address. It is the code of the Democratic faith. If every Democrat, regular or mugwump, wil spend even the few minutes required for merely reading that one-page digest of the creed he subscribes to, he will find himself refreshed as with a cooling

The Pennsylvania Legislature has just passed a new libel law which has aroused the deepest indignation of the press of the State. It seems to have originated with the ring and was rushed through in four days. A hearing of the Newspaper Press Association was refused, by the Legislative Committee, but they cently been received that the matter will now propose to go to the Governor and presently be brought before the Legisla-state their case.

the" political cartoonist especially, and from what we hear of it it is a most extravagant and unseemly exhibition of ring resentment.

The wedding of Miss Kathleen Nellson to Reginald Vanderbilt will take place at Newport at noon to-day in great style The wedding guests will be housed for two days at hotels and boarding-houses at the expense of Mrs. Nellson.

Mr. Vanderbilt and Miss Nellson to the court together to take out the license to marry. He gave his occupa-tion as that of a "gentleman"; she gave her father's occupation in like terms. He is twenty-two and she is twenty-one years of ther. He is a Protestant

and she a Catholic. At a recent meeting of Stonewall Camp, V., of Portsmouth, Colonel William H. Stewart delivered an address on the life of Thomas Jeeffrson. The Ports-mouth Star pronounces it a masterly

In the opinion of Colonel Stewart and of many other people this country needs

to-day another Thomas Jefferson.
If there is any such person in the background we hope he will come forward promptly and make his presence known. There's work for him to do.

The New York Tribune has just entered upon the sixty-third year of its existence, and we take occasion to present our compliments to this esteemed contempor-

The Tribune is a Republican newspaper, but one of the fairest and most in the country, and is entitled to the re-spect and good will even of its opponents

ruins of the old Liberty Hall Academy

are also shown.

The Veteran also gives a portrait and blography of the late Major Norman V.

The fine old American gentleman who rode an old sway-back mare into Washington city and left her standing tied to a hitching post while he was being inaugurated President of the United States would have been one hundred and fiftynine years old had he held out until yesterday.

ly divided at the point where military honors are considered, there being thirteen Senators who wore the blue and thirteen who wore the gray. All the others were too young or too cautious to wear

about to erect a million dellar club-house., It will be twelve stories high. Among other things it will have one hundred and sixteen bed rooms

Another Thomas Jefferson birthday has been celebrated and yet we are in a state of doubt as to which of the nu-merous political parties is the real custodian of the real Jeffersonian brand of statesmanship.

The South Carolina table is going to give a "barn dance." Now, let Virginia come in with an old fashioned picnic bran dance and there will be work for Chicago highwaymen are ahead of those

a trolley car Sunday night and got away The Hon. Tom Johnson will have to add some more canvass to his circus tent before he begins the gubernatorial can-

in St. Louis. They successfully held up

omething of a damp reception in Richmowil pesterday, but they were very

much in evidence all the same. What if St. Louis should follow Danville's example just at this time and go

dry? But there is no probability of it. The Easter bonnet got there all right

and could not have had a loviler day for "Sparks From the Wires" will soon be obsolete as a head-line, if somebody

does not head off that man Marconi. The Hon. Golden Rule Jones seems to have a kind of President Diaz-Castro

The fishermen had a tedious and rather damp time inaugurating the fishing season yesterday.

hold on the good city of Toledo.

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Dallas (Tex.) News: Another month has passed and yet Judge Parker has re-fused to say anything as to what he stands for in politics. Silence is gciden, to be sure, but in politics it corroles and is spoiled in time.

Chattanooga Times: Mrs. Booker 1. Washington was entertained as a guest of honor by the State Federation of Women's Clubs of Massachusetts at the convention in session at Dorcheater Wednesday. We expect an explosion of righteous wrath from some of our Southern exchanges as a result; but to what purpose? If the club women of Massachusetts like that sort of thing—why let them enjoy it.

Memphis Commercial-Appeal: It might be a good idea if both political parties in 1901 would nominate candidates who would stay at home during the presiden-tial campaign.

Montgomery Advertiser: While cotton s playing around the ten-cent mark, there is precious little of the article for deliv-ery, and but little of that little belongs ery, and but little of that little belongs to the men who planted and made it. If the speculators want to help the contitry, they should set prices up to ten cents next fall and whiter so that the money can be widely circulated instead of going into the hands of a few. The present furry will only serve to encourage the planting of a big crop of cotton and the neglect of corn.

#### A FEW FOREIGN FACTS.

Dr. Kichfro Yussa, of the Imperial University of Kyoto, Japan, is in Brooklyn, inspecting the public libraries, as he intends to start a new library at Kyoto.

The hobbles of the three most noted English writers are: Kipling's "Tommy Atkins," Rider Haggard's agriculture and Israel Zungwill's the project of Zionism.

Count Von Buelow, the German Imperial Chancellor, is in Naples, Italy.

General Von Gossler, Germany's Minister of War, is about to resign and will be replaced by Baron von der Goltz, at present general in command of the First Army Corps.

At the Shakespeare's birthday celebration at Stratford-on-Avon, April 23d, which will be more than usually elaborate, the principal participants will be Sir Ollver Lodge, Herbert Beerbohm Tree, the actor, and Marie Corelli, the novelist.

Andre Cheradame, the distinguished French political writer, will leave Paris on the 18th to pay a visit to this coun-try.

#### Personal and General.

James A. Dumont, who has just been appointed steamer inspector at New York by Secretary Shaw, is nearly eighty years

General Lew Wallace has been asked General Lew Wallace and been asked to get up a Ben Hur charlot race for the Indiana State Fair this fall.

Rev. Alfred Noon, secretary of the Massachusetts Total Absilnence Society, says that as a result of a recent crusted more than 72,000 pledges have been sign-

John K. Cowen, the former president of the Haltimore and Ohlo Rallroad, hus just returned from Cuba, where he says there is great possibilities for railroads.

General Joseph C. Breckenridge, inspector general of the army, will be promoted to the grade of major general of the line next Monday, and will be immediately retired.

## FINE SESSION OF THE GRAND RULING

#### R. George Shackell, of Richmond, Honored With the Highest Office.

Highest Office.

Murphy's was a scene of many badges Sunday and all day yesterday. The delagates to the Grand Ruling of the Fraternal Mystic Circle came from all parts of the State and West Virginia to sit in bi-annual convention. The meeting was called to order at Pickott Camp Hall and much fiew business was transacted. The new grand officers were also appointed, as follows:

R. George Bhackell, of Richmond, Grand Ruler; John B. Burke, of Norfolk, Past Grand Ruler; Henry Schneider, of Winchester, Vice Grand Ruler; Rev. Horbert M. Hope, Petersburg, Grand Chapiain; William A. Grubb, Norfolk, Grand Recorder; T. E. Matthews Martinsburg, W. Va., Grand Treasurer; W. J. Gliman, Richmond, Ya., Grand Marshail A. J. Lilliston, Accomac, Grand Warden; E. R. Barksdale, Portsmouth, Grand Warden; John Mallory, Petersburg, Grand Sontry, After convention a dinner was tendered the delegates by Richmond Ruling at Concordia Hall, which occupied until 8:30, when they repaired to the Assembly Hall at Murphy's Annex Hotel for an entertainment of local talent, most artistic in its character. After prayer by Mr. Johnson, the Grand Ruler called up in Colonel John B. Harwood to take the half and make a few remarks of weights. Colonel John S. Harwood to take the

colone John S. Harwood to take the chair and make a few remarks of wel-come to delegates and visitors. Prof. Kass followed with a piano sole then a song by Miss Blanche Phaup, at-ter which "The Bearf Dance" by four little girls in Confederate colors, in which they will be seen at the Confederate Ba-zaar later; they were Misses Helen Thompson, Margaret Manning, Allen Stout, and Mamie Harlow and were ac-

companied by Miss Florence Coon.

Another group of pretty, though younger dancers, was a novelty step dance, called "The Last Rose of Summer," by the two little Misses Harlow, Miss Jane

May Jobson and Louise Stout.

The Hon, F. H. Duckwitz, of Philadelphia, the Supreme Mystic Ruler, made some forceful remarks on the strength of fraternal orders, and especially the Fraernal Mystic Circle, and was followed by a selection rendered by Mr. DeSylvia, on the flute.

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The West-End Angels, with Harry Lucy, came next as mandoline players, and then his two artistic little sisters, May and Georgie Lucy, with popular songs and ditties. Lonnie Wilson and his friend, Wilkie Freeman, were there with their serio-comic matter, and pleased exceedingly.

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Mr. Joseph Wallerstein made a short, though pithy speech, eulogizing the late Dr. Slegel, whom he knew as a boy and then claimed the raternal Mystic Circle the best fraternal organization in America, as it protected in slok, accdent and provided in death.

He said he was glad he was a member and rejoiced that the late doctor was so largely insured in so good an order.

order.

Mr. Julius Spiegel rendered two numbers on his sweet-loned zither and the long programme closed with two excelent and difficult numbers by the Ferguson Instrumental Company with seven

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encounter unpopularity, property, if need be, improsonment, and exile. Upon it, as on a corner-stone, he laid the foundation of the republic." Ex-Postmaster Smith responded to "The

Louisiana Purchase," and said, in part I have not been trained in the Jefferson school of thought, but belonging to an opposing school, I recognize and honor the inestimable service he rendered the the Inestimable service he rendered the country. The immeasurable value of Jefferson's service was that as the leader of the opposing host he came into authority, caimed the disquietude, exercised the same powers, met the same high responsibilities in the same statesmanlike way and dissipated any lingering feeling that the Constitution and the government involved any peril to popular freedom."

BRYAN ON RELIGIOUS FREEDOM. Mr. Bryan, who was the last speaker on the programme, responded to "The Statute for Religious Freedom." He concluded as

follows:
"To Jefferson the doctrine of free speech and freedom of opinion applied to everything, because he rightly understood that no censorship of opinion would be permitted that would not be more dangerous to the first them to error; for those who

no censorship of opinion would be permitted that would not be more dangerous to truth than to error; for those who were conscious of the righteousness are not afraid to force their opinions as these who are conscious of error, and recognizing their inability to defend their views by reason, fall back. In the preamble of the act of 1786 it is stated first. That the propagation of religion by force is contrary to the plan of God, the author of our religion. Attention is called to the fact that the Almighty, being Lord both of the body and the mind, yet chose not to propagate it by coercions of either. "Joffreson recognized that the Christian religion rested upon love, and that love is the very antithosis of violence and brute force. It is well to remember that the Declaration of Independence itself rests upon the foundation which supports our religion—namely, love; and those who deny the dectrine of human brotherhood are not apt to respect the creed of allonable rights and natural equality embodied in the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States. Jefferson was the statesman known to history. He lived in the right hour and had a heart large enough to take in all human kind, and applied his doctrines to all questions."

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just, but that the Commonwealth of Virginia was a free and independent State.

"Thomas Jefferson believed profoundly in education. He has been accused of entertaining strange beliefs as to religion, but every evidence points to the fact that he was not an irreligious man. Nothing to the history of American life is more beautiful than his devotion to his wife and children.

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"Jefferson rendered incalculable service in the cause of free politics, a free peeple and free religion."

A letter of regret was read from Admiral Dawey, who is president of the Thomas Jefferson Memorial Association. Prior to the hanquet the Board of Governors met and practically decided that the proposed memorial to Thomas Jefferson to be created shall take the form of a building.

#### EMPIRE STATE DEMOCRACY

Ex-Senator Hill Scores the Republicans and Pleads for Harmony. (By Associated Press.)

ALBANY, N. Y., April 18.—One hundred representative members of the Democratic press of New York sat down at the ban quet of the State Democratic Editorial

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Association in celebration of the birthday
of Thomas Jofferson.
Former United States Senator David B.
Hill was one of the speakers. "The Empire State Democracy" came in for his
attention. He attacked the prominent policles of the present Republican administration in this State, especially assailing,
the various measures adopted to secure
the abolition of direct taxation for State
purposes. These he characterized as
measures designed to cover up a deficit
in the State treasury, to which, he said,
he had himself called attention last year.
The excise increase law Mr. Hill denounced as purely partisan/ legislation,
designed to punish large Democratic
cities, especially New York, for holding
to the principles of the Democratic party.
He ridictied the policies of President
Rooseveit as vaccilating and unduly tender of the great monopolies, and said the
whole Republican administration was clamoring delay in dealing with the trust
question. His shall plas was for trus whole Republican administration was caused in the trus question. His final plea was for true Democratio harmony, which he declared would assure victory for the party.

#### FAST TRAIN DITCHED: TWO MEN KILLED

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
CHARLOTTE, N. C., April 13.—The
Southern Rallway's south-bound fast
mail train, No., W, was ditched near Lexington, N. C., this evening by striking a
rock on the track. The train is the regular mail train leaving Washington at 8
o'clock in the morning. The train was
deralled three miles north of Lexington
about 7 o'clock. Engineer Dan Davis, of
Danville, Va., was killed and the fireman
is missing. The engine struck a rock
which had rolled down the embankment,
was thrown crosswise of the track, and
is a total wreck. It will take twelve
hours to clear the track. No others were
injured.

#### **VANDERBILTS ARE FINED** FOR FAST RUNNING

(By Associated Press.)
NEWPORT, R. I., April 13:—Alfred G. Vanderbilt, Paul Salteur, his chaffeur, and Reginald Vanderbilt, were each fined 310 and costs to-day in special sessions of the District Court, for running their automobiles at a greater speed than ten miles an hour through Middletown.

## RICHM'D HORSE ENTERED IN CAPITAL CITY STAKE

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
HARTFORD. CONN., April 32.—F. M.
Hanson, of Richmond, Va., has entered
his bay gelding, Clarion, by Russell Pet,
in the Capital City \$3,000 stake of the
Charter Oak Park's Grand Circuit races.
This is the stake for 2:19 trotters, and Mr.
Hanson's bay will meet thirteen other
highly tried performers, including Allie
Jay, Monroe, Lady Patchie, Eddle Connor and others.

## Trinity Wins Debate.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
DURHAM, N. C., April 13.—Trinity won DURHAM, N. C., April 13.—Trinity won the debate in the contest with Emory College to-night. The judges were out twenty minutes and when they came in Ex-Governor Candler, of Georgia, acted as spokesman. He complimented the debaters. During the early part of the evening there was a hard downpour of rain and this kept away from the hall many, but for the rain there would have been tremenduous crown present. tremenduous crowd present.

## Drys Win in Buckingham

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(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

MOUNT VINCO, VA., April 13.—There was an election on last Saturday in the Courthouse District between the wets and the drys. One hundred and seventy votes were cast, and the drys won by a vote of two to one. Every registered voter in the district answered to his name except ten. Before the present suffrage law was adopted the usual number of votes cast was over 800.

Fortress of Frajana Captured.

(By Associated Press.)

MADRID. April 13.—Dispatches from Meilila, Morocco, announce that the insurgent Moors have captured the fortress of Frajana. A part of the garrison escaped and took refuge in Meilila.

Private dispatches state that fifty men and one officer of the garrison perished in the explosion of a mine under the fortress wall. Among the wounded at Meilila is the Pacha, who commanded the fort.

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Richmond Arrivals in New York, (Spacela to The Times-Dispatch.)
NEW YORK, April 13.—R. Nitcher, Ashland; W. P. Mayo, W. T. Dabney, Hoffman; R. L. Maury and wife, Pith Avenue; A. W. Hankins and wife, Manhattan.

NEGRO BAND NOT

OBJECTIONABLE

Several of the members of Pickett Camp were asked last night what they thought about the situation in New Orleans and the possibility of marching behind negro bands at the regular menting.

Hoffing the war. The camp would march bohind that, That they did not think it mades much difference if no gro bands were in the parade. One yetern sald they used to march behind a negro band during the war. The camp as a body or as individuals is not worrying over the matter.

Despite the rein storm of last night, the faithful members of the camp to the number of about twenty, attended the regular meeting.

Letters were received from Mrs, Joseph Bryan and Mrs. Page Aylett Royall. Mrs. Royal expressed her appreciation of the camp a acceptance of her invitation of the camp a acceptance of her invitation to attend on the night set apert for that organization.

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"Ah, I mean that he knew that he could not be hung if you could be kidnapped. That he discovered some weeks before he made all of his plans. He found that, with your usual British fondness for red tape, no person could be executed unless the governor general was present. Therefore, if the governor general was kidnapped, as you were, he was safe."

was safe."
"But why did he not kidnap me with-

out going ashore?"

"That was not theatrical enough for "That was not theatrical enough for dear papa. He; loves show in an affair like that! I think also, that he found it just a bit slow on board at that time. You see, there are times when daddy (he would murder me if he knew that I told you) suffers from homesickness."
"Homesickness! But I thought—"
"O, I know what you think."
"No, I'm sure that you do not!"
"Ah, but' I do just the same!"
"Wel' what is it?"
"Pane has told you that sad and story."

"Papa has told you that sad, sad story of a wife in every port; that he does not know just whose daughter I am, and all that stuff!"

that stuff!"
"That is just what he has done. Is there no truth in It?"
"Not a particle. Why, papa is a really very respectable member of society when he is at liome, but there are times when he and mama—"
"On mama is alive, is she?"
"Mama alive? Why, of course she is. Mama is a great swell at home, but dear old dad finds that it all bores him terriby at times and he just necks up and

old dad finds that it all bores him ter-ribly at times, and he just packs up and goes roving off in search of adventure. When he does not get into trouble and have to skip out of a place by the skin of his teeth, he has a pretty good time. He always has a lively one, at any rate."

"And how do you happen to be with him?"

"Well, you see, I came of age last year, and pa and I have always been very good chums, so he proposed that I should go with him on a cruise. He said that it might be his last one, and he hinted at great possibilities—a sunken ship, a kidnapped Governor-General—O, all sorts of odd things."

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"O, I am an odd thing, am I?"

"Well, kidnapped Governor-Generals are not common, but I did not mean that."

"Never mind, I like it."

"So I deelded that I would go. I hardly expected quite such a set of adventures as we have had, but they are almost over."

valid down below?"

"O. I think that she will go safely enough, but I do not know what we shall do about the monkey and the parrot."

"Let the Hindu take care of them, when the subject quickly—"

ilckly-"
"Yes, Lord George,"
"Will you marry me?"
"Why-but-oh! Lord George-you
ustn't-some of the crew might-"

for you."
"Yes, for an Englishman you have done "Yes, for an initial source were well. Now if I marry you—"
"Madeleine, dearest!"
"Btop! Wait till I finish, and then
perhaps—just one. If I marry you, you
are to promise to give up the British
husband idea at once."
"I do not understand!"
"The I suppose not. Well, then, you

ners of their own sex. At half past ten the captain called the steward. "Serve the punch at once." This was the fateful moment. If any

man of the visiting crew refused a drink he was to be watched, and in some way taken care of so that he could do no harm. There was, however, no need of this precaution, as all were

this precaution as all were hot and thirsty, and partook freely of the delicious concoction.

Every man on the Badger, as well as Madeleine and Lissa, had taken the antidote which Campbell had brought at the same time that he procured the drug for the Brazillans, so that they had no fear in holping their visitors, or that they would also fall victims to the narcotic.

would also fall victims to the narcotic.
The South American drank eagerly, and the punch was so cunningly mixed that the taste of lemon predominated, giving it an innocent flavor. There was plenty of it, as the captain had directed that it should be made without stint. He had no intention of having his plan fail through lack of the sinews

his plan fail through lack of the sinews of war.

"Dees ponch ees vair' delicious, Ladee Fectzmorrees," said the captain of the Brazilian cruiser, taking his third glass, which Madeleine had poured for him. "Eet ees so vair' mild dat one can dreenk gallons of eet."

"Do so, Captain Escado! Nothing pleases me more than to have my guests enjoy themselves."

"Ah, eet vould be eempossochie to do ozairvise wis such a charmeeng ladee for zee lostess!"

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"Oh, captain; you sre too gallant."
"Ah, I assure you, my ladee, not in zee least. Eet aes doublee charmeeng to be here zees evening, as ve have been so long vizout companee. Vee have head to go from one leetle port to anozair leetle port, to get our cenformation, and now vee air here I doubt moch eef vee find anything at ali."

"You are looking for a sunken treasure ship, Lord George tells me."

"Yes; cet ees so-pardon me, your ladeesheep."

"For what, captain?"

"I-vat ees eet zat you say een Eenglees? I--ah, yes, I gape! Eet vas vair eempolite."

"Siave another glass of punch, captain, for what the Americans call an eye-opener!"

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"Ah, yes; zee eyeopenair; zat ees a good idea. To your good health, you indeesheep." He rose and bowed most politely, but Madeleine noticed that he was already unsteady on his legs.

In the meantime things had been going at a lively pace forward, and the Badger's crew were outdoing themselves in hospitality. A luil came for a few minutes, but Brent did not propose to have quiet reign if he could help it.

"Give us a song, lads," he cried, going to the break of the quarterdeck.

"Aye, a song, a song!" came from all hands.

"Green, sing 'A Pirate's Life' for

mustn't—some of the crew might—"

"There are none of the crew on baord.
Will you marry me? Madeleine, I cannot live without you, and I beg of you to take pity upon me and be mine."
"I—really, Lord George, you are so sudden about this."
"Have you not seen that I could not keep my eyes off of you? Wherever you have gone I have followed, and I have tried to think of everything that you might possibly like, that I might do it for you."

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Green had now produced his banjo, while another man brought out a guitar. They seated themselves on some extra spars in the waist of the ship and the others gathered around. After a few preliminary flourishes they troiled out the following, the crew joining in the refeals.

he following, the corrections:
Sing he for the waves of the blue Carrabee,
The isles of spice, and the life so free.
Where the trade winds blow,
And the swift ships go,
And hurrah for the pirate's life Ot

Where free companions merry men we, Sall back and forth o'er the bounding sea, Where the girls are fair, With coal black hair, And hurrah for a pirate's life O!

Up and down we search for loot, The richest prize doth us well sult, And gold doth bring. So let us sing, And cheer for the pirate's life O!

O'er the waters blue of the Spanish

O'er the waters blue of the Spanish Main.

Main.

We'll sall and rob and range again,
And drink our rum,
And merrily hum,
O hurrah for the pirate's life O!
There was great applause as the last refrain died away, and off went the music in a rollicking dance again, at a sign from Brent. It was not to last long, however, as one by one the foreigners were showing signs of the drug which had been put into the punch.

Lord George had taken the officers below to the main cabin, where a collation was spread, and more punch ladied out. Captain Escapo was now very much the worse for wear, as were most of his officers, and, one by one, they were taken to different staterooms and carefully locked up.

"Might as well make assurance doubly sure," whispered Brent to Fitzmorris, as they passed into the cabin.

"Quite so," was the amused reply. "They are all prefly well gone now. I suppose that you will give the captain your cabin?"

"Yes. I have taken everything from the ship that could identify her. You have nothing on board. We shall spon have to prepare to move Lady Palmer and the Hindoo. He has instructions, I suppose."

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